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FOR: ASSAY METHODS FOR NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE

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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action (Paper No. 24) mailed November 21, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly enter the following new claims.

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62. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said method is capable of detecting total nucleic acid in amounts as low as 5 pg.

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63. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein said method is capable of detecting total nucleic acid in amounts as low as 5 pg.

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64. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said method is capable of detecting total nucleic acid in amounts as low as 5 pg.

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65. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said method is capable of detecting total nucleic acid in amounts as low as 5 pg.

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